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SUBJECT: PEKING PRAISES SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS

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1. THE NCNA ARTICLE OF JANUARY 4 ON SOUTHEAST ASIA
(REFTEL) IS SIGNIFICANT NOT ONLY IN ITS PRAISE OF SEA
LEADERS FOR THEIR THIRD WORLD, ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-
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HEGEMONIC STAND BUT ALSO FOR ITS FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO

ASEAN AND IMPLICITLY TO THAT ORGANIZATION'S "DECLARATION OF NEUTRALIZATION." ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE STRESSES SOVIET EFFORTS AT INFILTRATION AND EXPANSION IN THE REGION, IT ALSO PRAISES THE ASEAN COUNTRIES' REPUTED DESIRE TO GET RID OF "U.S. CONTROL AND INTERVENTION." U-S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOT MENTIONED, BUT THE ARTICLE MAKES AN UNUSUAL REFERENCE TO EFFORTS BY THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND "TO DISMANTLE" U.S. MILITARY BASES AND TO END "U.S. AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION" IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS AN EXPANSION OF CHINA'S BILATERAL APPROACH TO PROMOTING ACCOMMODATION WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA TO

ONE THAT INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR THE ASEAN GROUPING. THE ARTICLE ALSO IMPLIES THAT IN PEKING'S VIEW, REGIONAL ASEAN INTERESTS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THOSE OF THE PRC. FULL TEXT IS AVAILABLE IN FBIS DAILY REPORT (PRC) OF JANUARY 7.

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